

Senate Bill No. 577

CHAPTER 987

An act to amend Section 13602 of, and to add Section 13603 to, the Penal Code, relating to corrections, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 577, Peace. Corrections: cadet training.

Existing law requires the Department of Corrections to use the training academy at Galt and the Department of the Youth Authority to use the training academy at Stockton.

Existing law also requires each new cadet who attends an academy after July 1, 2000, to complete a specified course of training before he or she may be assigned to a post or job as a peace officer.

This bill, instead, would apply this provision to each new cadet who attends an academy after July 1, 2001, and, in addition, would require the Department of Corrections and the Department of the Youth Authority to provide 16 weeks of training to each correctional peace officer cadet, and a minimum of 2 weeks of training to each newly appointed first line supervisor. The training would be required to be completed by the cadet prior to his or her assignment to a post or position as a correctional peace officer.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13602 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

13602. (a) The Department of Corrections shall use the training academy at Galt. This academy shall be known as the Richard A. McGee Academy. The Department of the Youth Authority shall use the training center at Stockton. The training divisions, in using the funds, shall endeavor to minimize costs of administration so that a maximum amount of the funds will be used for providing training and support to correctional peace officers while being trained by the departments.

(b) Each new cadet who attends an academy after July 1, 2001, shall complete the course of training, pursuant to standards approved by CPOST before he or she may be assigned to a post or job as a peace officer. After July 1, 2001, every newly appointed first-line or second-line supervisor shall complete the course of training, pursuant

to standards approved by CPOST for that position. Every effort shall be made to provide training prior to commencement of supervisorial duties. If this training is not completed within six months of appointment to that position, any first-line or second-line supervisor shall not perform supervisory duties until the training is completed. CPOST shall report to the Governor and to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature by September 1, 1999, concerning the training standards determined for line correctional peace officers and supervisors of the Department of Corrections and the Department of the Youth Authority. This report shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the standards for the curriculum of the respective academies and the length of time required to satisfactorily train officers for their duties.

It is the intent of this section that the report be included in the basis for a new budget change proposal for the administration to consider in the 2000-01 Budget Act to enhance department training operations.

SEC. 2. Section 13603 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

13603. (a) The Department of Corrections and the Department of the Youth Authority shall provide 16 weeks of training to each correctional peace officer cadet. This training shall be completed by the cadet prior to his or her assignment to a post or position as a correctional peace officer.

(b) The Department of Corrections and the Department of the Youth Authority shall provide a minimum of two weeks of training to each newly appointed first line supervisor.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to prevent any disruption in the training schedule of correctional peace officer cadets, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

